

REMARKS

In the December 10, 1992 Office Action the Examiner required applicants to elect among two groups of claims that the Examiner stated were drawn to distinct inventions:

Group 1: Claims 3-5, 7, 10, 19 and 20, directed to compounds, therapeutic methods and compositions;

Group 2: Claims 11-18 directed to methods of separation of a substantially pure enantiomer from a racemic mixture.

Applicants provisionally elect Group 1, claims 3-5, 7, 10, 19 and 20. This election is expressly without waiver of applicants' right to prosecute and to obtain allowance of claims directed to the subject matter of those non-elected claims in other applications claiming priority herefrom. Applicants have cancelled claims 11-18 in accordance with this election.

The Examiner has also requested that applicants submit an "Abstract of the Disclosure", on a separate, single sheet of paper. Applicants submit herewith abstract page 32, to be added to the application, in accordance with the Examiner's request.

The Examiner has noted applicants' obligation under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made. Applicants note that the subject matter of all of the claims now pending was commonly owned at the time the inventions covered therein were made.

Respectfully submitted,

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